Emotions and Conflict

3-5 February 2016
University of Pisa

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are invited for a philosophical workshop on the theme of Emotions and Conflict.

The workshop will take place at the University of Pisa, as a joint collaboration between the Interdisciplinary Group on Phenomenology and History of Emotions (funded by the University of Pisa, PRA 2015), the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions (EPSSE), and with the organizing support offered by the research group Zetesis (University of Pisa).

The workshop will start on Wednesday, 3d February 2016 at 2.00 pm and will conclude on Friday, 5th February, at 6.00 pm.

The number of participants will be limited to 15 people.

Abstracts should not exceed 1000 words. Please prepare your abstract for anonymous review. Abstracts may be submitted the following link.

Submission Deadline: 15 November 2015

Acceptance Notification Date: 1 December 2015

Inquiries may be directed at first to the local organizer Alessandra Fussi <alessandra.fussi@unipi.it>

Aims & Topics

The workshop aims at discussing the theoretical, practical and historical aspects involved in emotions prominent in situations of enmity, conflict and war.

Aristotle formalized the competitive emotions as a system of opposite states, which included anger, hatred, indignation, envy, emulation, pity. However, it is questionable whether situations of conflict involve opposite emotions. Furthermore, it is worth considering how private and public conflicts evoke emotions such as disgust and humiliation, which came to the forefront of philosophical inquiry in the 20th century. From the point of view of the resolution of internal (intra-psychic and private) and external (interpersonal and public) situations of conflict, the workshop will discuss the role of compassion, respect and forgiveness.

Contributions to the workshop will consider conflicting emotions, as well as emotions in situations of conflict. Papers can address the nature and history of specific emotions, the role of emotional clusters, the role of collective emotions in fuelling, maintaining and resolving conflicts. The perspective can be methodological, conceptual, ethical, political, or cultural.

Workshop Organizing committee

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